



| TRANSMITTAL LETTER | | | Case No. 7948/17 |
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| Serial No. 10/763,431 | Filing Date January 22, 2004 | Examiner To Be Assigned | Group Art Unit 3732 |
| Inventor(s) Biedermann et al. | | | |
| Title of Invention BONE SCREW | | | |

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in dup.); Second Preliminary Amendment (in dup.); Check for \$510 for filing fee; Power of Attorney; Declaration; Assignment; Recordal of Assignment; Check for \$40 for Recordal Fee; Change of Address; and White Acknowledgement Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

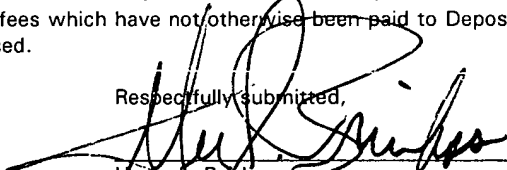
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra |
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| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim | | | | |

| Small Entity | |
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| Rate | Add'l Fee |
| x \$9 = | |
| x 43 = | |
| + \$145 = | |
| Total add'l fee | \$ |

| Other Than Small Entity | |
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| Rate | Add'l Fee |
| x \$18 = | 252.00 |
| x \$86 = | 258.00 |
| + \$290 = | 0.00 |
| Total add'l fee | \$510.00 |

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$510.00 and \$40.00 to cover the filing fees are enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

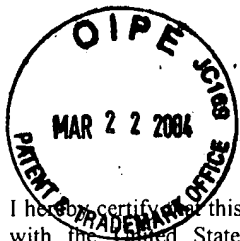

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For BONE SCREW

Group Art Unit No. 3732

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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